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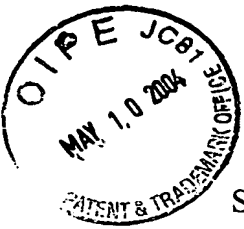
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	AG	4,894,395	1/16/90	Park			
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	AG	5,550,167	8/27/96	DesMarais			
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